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C O N F I D E N T I A L TANANARIVE 0594

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SUBJ: FRANCO- MALAGASY NEGOTIATIONS

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1. FRENCH SECSTATE FOR COOPERATION DENIAU, HEAD OF FRENCH DELEGATION FOR RENEGOTIATION COOPERATION ACCORDS WITH MALAGASY REPUBLIC, LEFT TANANARIVE MAY 1 TO REPORT TO PARIS ON PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS AND MEETINGS HE HAD HELD WITH MALAGASY HEAD GOVT GENERAL RAMANANTSOA AND FOREIGN MINISTER RATSIRAKA. PRESS REPORTS HE STATED HE WOULD BE BACK IN TANANARIVE MAY 4.

2. ON DEPARTURE AT AIRPORT HE STATED TO PRESS: " NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTINUING. PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, AND AN AGREEMENT OF A POSITIVE AND DURABLE NATURE CAN BE ENVISAGED, BUT NOT ALL PROBLEMS SETTLED YET. I HOPE THEY WILL BE RAPIDLY..."

3. COMMENT: UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT WOULD SEEM OVERLY OPTIMISTIC TO ANTICIPATE CONCLUSION FRANCO- MALAGASY AGREEMENT
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ON DAY OF HIS SCHEDULED RETURN (MAY 4). WHILE WE SHALL, OF
COURSE, SUPPLY ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THAT BECOMES AVAILABLE
ON DEVELOPMENTS, COMIDEASTFOR MAY WISH PROCEED WITH ALTERNATIVE
PLANS TO DIEGO- SUAREZ FOR FOUR- SHIP TURNOVER.
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